IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Yasunori CHIBA et al.

Title:

NOVEL YEAST MUTANTS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING

GLYCOPROTEIN CONTAINING MAMMALIAN TYPE SUGAR CHAIN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: